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Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
Surface Transportation Board
1925 K Street, N.W.
Room 700
Washington, D. C. 20423



RE: Docket No. AB-55 (Sub-No. 627X), *CSX Transportation, Inc.—
Abandonment Exemption—in Floyd County, KY*

Dear Secretary Williams:

The Middle Creek National Battlefield Foundation, Inc. ("MCNB") requested a notice of interim trail use/rail banking for approximately 13.4 miles of railroad between milepost CON 3.1 at Salisbury and milepost CON 16.5 near Clear Creek Junction, in Floyd County, KY in the above-entitled proceeding. The current extension of the negotiating period expired on September 30, 2004. Even though the previous extension has expired, CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT") has not consummated the abandonment, has been unable to finalize negotiations with MCNB, and desires to continue to negotiate for interim trail use/rail banking with MCNB, CSXT respectfully requests the Board to reinstate and grant a six month extension of time to March 30, 2005 to negotiate trail use with MCNB. Additionally, CSXT respectfully requests a six month extension of the date to consummate the abandonment from November 30, 2004 to May 30, 2005.

Enclosed are the original and 10 copies of this letter, and a filing fee of \$300. Please time and date stamp the additional copy of this letter and return it with our messenger. Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions please call or email me.

Sincerely yours

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cc: Mr. Fitzpatrick

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